

Testimony Supporting

**S.B. 383, An Act Increasing the Applicable Percentage of the Earned Income Tax Credit H.B. 5403,
An Act Establishing A Child Tax Credit Against the Personal Income Tax**

Committee on Finance, Revenue, and Bonding

March 15, 2021

Dear Senator Fonfara, Representative Scanlon, Senator Martin, Representative Cheeseman, and members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee:

I, Carolina Rodriguez, of Bridgeport, support both S.B. 383, “An Act Increasing the Applicable Percentage of the Earned Income Tax Credit,” and H.B. 5403, “An Act Establishing A Child Tax Credit Against the Personal Income Tax.”

S.B. 383 would increase the Connecticut earned income tax credit (CT EITC) from 30.5 percent of the federal EITC to 41.5 percent, and H.B. 5403 would establish a Connecticut child tax credit (CT CTC) of up to \$600 per child.

Increasing the CT EITC would make the state’s tax system fairer and help working-class families make ends meet.

Putting more money into the pockets of families who need it the most is important to be because many children are without basic necessities, and sometimes their only meal is from school lunches. Families receiving this money could go to food, child care, and other basic necessities.

If we are able to implement a Connecticut child Tax Credit, I would be able to better provide basic necessities for children, maybe afford to with these funds

Expanding the CT EITC and establishing the CT CTC are both essential to make Connecticut’s tax system fairer and make our state more economically just for families. Please support the passage of these 2 critical bills.